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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (November 8-15, 2007)

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11. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK as well as casualties incurred. The TGS does not account for police casualties and the Ministry of Interior casualty data is not made public. As a result, actual numbers for total Turkish law enforcement casualties are higher than the figures in this cable. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

12. (U) During the November 8-15, 2007 reporting period, four GOT security officials were killed and two were injured in clashes with the PKK.

13. (U) In the same period, three PKK terrorists were captured and another ten surrendered.

14. (U) The TGS website reported two clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists. However, since an October 21 ambush that resulted in the deaths of 12 soldiers, the Turkish military has been continuing non-stop operations in the region. Security forces discovered at least 15 PKK shelters/caves/caches and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

15. (U) During the reporting period, security forces detected at least eight PKK explosive devices in SE Turkey, detonating several of them in controlled fashion before they could explode.

16. (U) The PKK kidnapped seven Turkish citizens, including two village guards in Baskale, Van Province on November 11.

17. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES (NUMBER)

May 2007, 40

June 2007, 40

July 2007, 15

August 2007, 12

September 2007, 35

October 2007, 24

November 1-7, 5

November 8-15, 2

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA

June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA

July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA

August 2007 12 KIA, 30 WIA

September 2007 12 KIA, 32 WIA

October 2007 34 KIA, 21 WIA

November 1-7 2 KIA, 1 WIA

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November 8-15 4 KIA, 2 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered

June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

August 2007 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered

September 2007 40 KIA, 15 captured, 9 surrendered

October 2007 85 KIA, 18 captured, 4 surrendered

November 1-7 6 KIA, 10 captured, 0 surrendered

November 8-15 0 KIA, 3 captured, 10 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED (NUMBER)

May 2007, 113

June 2007, 50

July 2007, 28

August 2007, 40

September 2007, 119

October 2007, 51

November 1-7 20

November 8-15 15

18. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 1 KIA, 2 WIA
FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA
MARCH 5 KIA, 4 WIA
APRIL 18 KIA, 16 WIA
MAY 15 KIA, 43 WIA
JUNE 24 KIA, 51 WIA
JULY 10 KIA, 14 WIA
AUGUST 12 KIA, 30 WIA
SEPTEMBER 12 KIA, 32 WIA
OCTOBER 34 KIA, 21 WIA
November 1-7 2 KIA, 1 WIA
November 8-15 4 KIA, 2 WIA
TOTAL 138 KIA, 226 WIA

PKK (KIA, Captured or surrendered)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 5 captured, 3 surrendered
FEBRUARY 0 KIA, 14 captured, 0 surrendered
MARCH 16 KIA, 15 captured, 7 surrendered

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APRIL 16 KIA, 8 captured, 4 surrendered
MAY 20* KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
JUNE 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered
JULY 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered
AUGUST 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered
SEPTEMBER 40 KIA, 15 captured, 9 surrendered
OCTOBER 85 KIA, 18 captured, 4 surrendered
November 1-7 6 KIA, 10 captured, 0 surrendered
November 8-15 0 KIA, 3 captured, 10 surrendered
TOTAL 266 KIA, 169 Captured, 81 surrendered

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 0 WIA
FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA
MARCH 0 KIA, 0 WIA
APRIL 1 KIA, 0 WIA
MAY 14*KIA, 108* WIA
JUNE 1 KIA, 1 WIA
JULY 1 KIA, 3 WIA
AUGUST 1 KIA, 1 WIA

SEPTEMBER 7 KIA, 1 WIA

OCTOBER 0 KIA, 19 WIA

November 1-7 0 KIA, 0 WIA

November 8-15 0 KIA, 1 WIA

TOTAL 26 KIA, 134 WIA

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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